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August 17, 2005

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Charles Terreni
Chief Clerk and Administrator
South Carolina Public Service Commission
Synergy Office Park
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
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Re: South Carolina Electric & Gas Co. v. Aiken Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Docket Nos.: 2003-254-E and 2005-180-E
SGSL No.: 5793/1501

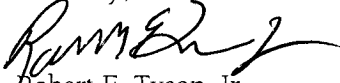
Dear Mr. Terreni:

I am filing with the Public Service Commission an original and eleven copies of SCE&G's Reply to Aiken Electric Cooperative's Answer and Counterclaim. Please return one copy, clocked in, to me via our courier.

By copy of this letter I am serving all parties with the same.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,


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**SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC & GAS COMPANY'S REPLY TO AIKEN
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.'S ANSWER AND COUNTERCLAIM**

FOR A FIRST DEFENSE

1. Except as is specifically admitted below, each allegation of the Answer and Counterclaim is denied.
2. Responding to the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 22, these allegations do not require a response from SCE&G. To the extent a response is required, however, these allegations are denied.
3. SCE&G denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 23.
4. SCE&G denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 24,
5. SCE&G admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 25 that Aiken seeks the relief from the South Carolina Public Service Commission set out therein, but denies that Aiken is entitled to any such relief.

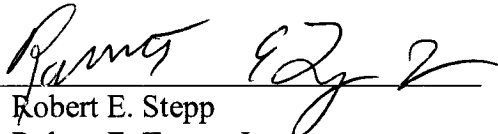
FOR A SECOND DEFENSE

6. SCE&G restates and reasserts each and every response provided above, not inconsistent herewith, as if restated herein verbatim.

7. SCE&G pleads the Answer and Counterclaim fails to state a claim for which relief can be granted; therefore, it must be dismissed.

WHEREFORE, having fully responded to the Answer and Counterclaim of defendant Aiken Electric Cooperative, Inc., SCE&G requests that the Counterclaim be dismissed, with costs and attorneys' fees and for such other and further relief as is deemed just and proper.

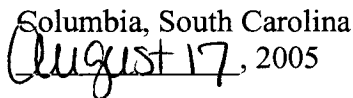
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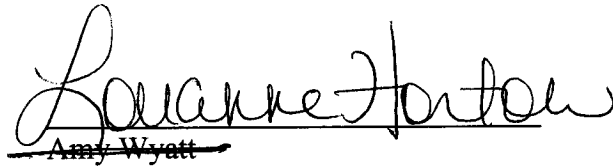
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Pleadings: SCE&G's Reply to Aiken Electric Cooperative, Inc.'s Answer and Counterclaim

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